

Resolution appropriating Xcel Energy Credits to fund Sustainability Internships through 2021.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the City of La Crosse adopted its *Strategic Plan for Sustainability* in 2009;
and

WHEREAS, the Planning and Economic Development Department is in the process of reviewing the Plan in preparation for an update that includes a Clean Energy Plan and Climate Action Plan; and

WHEREAS, these Plans will involve and closely tie into the work being done as part of the municipality's comprehensive energy services and by the interdepartmental green team; and

WHEREAS, Resolution 19-0471 sets sustainability goals for transitioning the municipality and community to carbon neutrality and 100% renewable energy by 2050; and

WHEREAS, Resolution 18-1072 appropriated municipal facilities credits from Xcel Energy for comprehensive energy services and to establish an interdepartmental advisory green team to oversee comprehensive energy services and appropriated funds; and

WHEREAS, Xcel Energy issued facilities credits through January of 2021 have totaling about \$443,900, has spent \$154,400 in resolution 19-0443, and is holding \$106,000 for resolution 20-1691; and

WHEREAS, the Planning and Economic Development Department has benefitted greatly from research, outreach, and educational materials provided by local university students;
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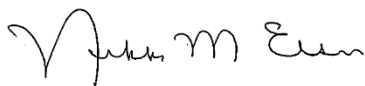
WHEREAS, \$15 per hour wages and taxes for six interns, each working 300 hours (1,800 total hours) would be \$29,065.50, or about 6.5% of the total credits.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Common Council of the City of La Crosse hereby approves the use of Xcel Energy Credits to fund Sustainability Internships through 2021.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that up to \$29,065.50 shall be transferred from Fund 290 – Xcel Energy Credits to fund Planning & Assessor department Sustainability Internship hourly wages as they are incurred. Such reimbursement transfers shall take place on a recurring basis.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the staff in the Planning & Assessor and Finance & Human Resources departments are hereby authorized to effectuate this resolution.

I, Nikki M. Elsen, certify that this resolution was duly and officially adopted by the Common Council of the City of La Crosse on March 11, 2021.



Nikki M. Elsen, WCMC, City Clerk
City of La Crosse, Wisconsin